

WESTERN UNION BLACKLIST IS REVEALED

Henry Lynch, telegrapher, a British citizen living in Winnipeg, Canada, told the U. S. Industrial relations commission at Hotel Sherman today his story of why he quit the American flag.

"I was driven out of the United States by the blacklist of the Western Union," he stated. "The only trade I can make a good living at is commercial telegraphy. The Western Union discharged me along with 15 others in September, 1910. For six months I tried to get back. Officials from chief operator to general manager admitted my record was clear, but they shut the door to me.

"I have a list of the names of 18 other men now working in Canada in the same situation. They have quit the American flag and are now British subjects because the Western Union drove them out with its blacklist.

"I am a member of the union in Canada. We have a contract with the Canadian Pacific Ry. During the last four years wages have been raised from \$75 to \$100 a month, hours of service reduced, two weeks' vacation yearly with pay secured. We have established the right of a man to have a chance to live as a man and deal with his employer in a manly, open way."

S. J. Konnenkamp, president Commercial Telegraphers' union, testified:

"Western Union spies burglarize lockers and search pockets of men suspected of union membership. Spotters live at boarding houses and listen to table talk hoping to catch union sympathizers.

"Most of our members are on the union books with an alias instead of their real names. They pay their initiation fees and dues and are entered on the books at George Washington, Patrick Henry, Stonewall Jackson. All the great men of his-

tory have their names on our books. It is not uncommon for us to receive membership applications and the request that we enter them under false names. The rights of these men as American citizens are gone."

HUMANITARIAN TREATMENT FOR CONVICTS GOES GOOD

New York, April 13.—Humanitarian treatment for convicts as exemplified in the reforms of Warden Osborne of Sing Sing prison received further impetus when it was learned today that the Western Union Telegraph Co. and the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will co-operate by furnishing employment to discharged prisoners properly recommended.

The warden already has received telegraph instruments to be used in teaching classes in telegraphy and 60 applications for enrollment were immediately forthcoming from the convicts.

OPINIONS DIFFER IN NAVY; ADMIRAL OUT OF OFFICE



Rear Admiral B. A. Fiske, who resigned from the navy. His testimony before the house committee differed from that of Sec'y Daniels.